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SUBJ: IRAQI REQUEST FOR SC MEETING

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED 12 FEB 1974 FROM  
IRAQI CHARGE ZAHAWIE TO SC PRES DE GUIRINGAUD (FRANCE):

QUOTE: EXCELLENCY,

UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE  
HONOUR TO REQUEST AN URGENT MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
TO CONSIDER THE CONTINUING ACTS OF AGGRESSION LAUNCHED  
BY IRANIAN ARMED FORCES AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY  
OF IRAQ. THE SITUATION ON THE FRONTIER IS DETERIORATING  
RAPIDLY AS THE IRANIAN AGGRESSION CONTINUES AND HEAVY  
MASSING OF IRANIAN TROOPS ON THE BORDERS IS STILL IN PROGRESS.  
ENCLOSED IS A RESUME OF THE IRANIAN VIOLATIONS WHICH  
CULMINATED IN THE LATEST IRANIAN AGGRESSION. I HAVE THE  
HONOUR TO REQUEST THIS COMMUNICATION TO BE CIRCULATED AS  
AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION.

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(SIGNED) WISSAM ZAHAWIE

DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE UNQUOTE.

2. TEXT OF ENCLOSURE TO IRAQI LETTER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: 1. ON 24 JANUARY 1974, IRANIAN FORCES VIOLATED IRAQ'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IN THE BADRA COUNTY AREA AND WERE REPULSED BY IRAQI FRONTIER FORCES.

2. ON 4 FEBRUARY 1974, IRANIAN FORCES SUPPORTED BY HEAVY ARTILLERY LAUNCHED A PREMEDITATED ATTACK ON IRAQI BORDER POSITIONS WHICH RESULTED IN TEN CASUALTIES, DEAD AND WOUNDED.

3. THE IRANIAN VIOLATIONS OF IRAQI TERRITORY CONTINUED THEREAFTER AND IRAQI FORCES WERE COMPELLED TO RETALIATE.

4. IN THE EARLY MORNING OF 10 FEBRUARY 1974, A CLASH OCCURRED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN WHICH THE IRANIAN ARMED UNITS WERE SUPPORTED BY HEAVY ARTILLERY AND ARMORED VEHICLES. THE IRAQI FORCES CONFRONTED THEM IN A BATTLE THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE OFFICER, THE WOUNDING OF ANOTHER, AND TWENTY-ONE OTHER CASUALTIES, DEAD AND WOUNDED. THERE WERE MORE THAN SEVENTY CASUALTIES, INCLUDING DEAD AND WOUNDED, ON THE IRANIAN SIDE.

5. THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES IN BADRA SEVERAL TIMES ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH THEIR IRANIANS COUNTERPARTS TO DISCUSS THE IRANIAN TRESPASSES AND VIOLATIONS AND TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. THE IRANIAN SIDE PROCRASTINATED AND HAS REFUSED TO HOLD A MEETING TO THIS DAY.

6. IRANIAN FORCES AT DIFFERENT LEVELS ARE CONCENTRATED ON THE BORDER AREA AND CONTINUE THEIR MILITARY ACTIONS OPENLY VIOLATING IRAQI TERRITORY IN A PLANNED MANNER WHILE IRANIAN AIRFORCE FIGHTERS VIOLATE IRAQI AIRSPACE THREATENING IRAQ'S NATIONAL SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY. UNQTE.  
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